



Mini-Grant Application

“YOUth Can!”

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Global Youth Service Day Mini-Grant Application:

Thank you for your interest

What: ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, is making funding available to organizations, schools, programs and institutions to develop, coordinate and implement small projects that will engage Nebraska youths in service to their local communities in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010. Applications should address this year's theme: "YOUth Can!" Our goal is to include as many youth as possible and help them build a strong service and service-learning foundation. Details on Global Youth Service Day can be found here: <http://gysd.org/>

Your application should support Nebraska youth in local one-day or continuous service projects with a service-learning component. Please submit a full application (attached), including a detailed proposed budget and project description. The complete application should not be longer than five (5) pages.

There are two pools of funding available – one for efforts benefiting any Nebraska youth and the other specifically focused on engaging youth with disabilities. Please state which pool of funds you are applying for within your application. ***The mini-grant awards for both pools will be capped at \$500.00.***

Deadline: To apply for a ServeNebraska Global Youth Service Day mini-grant, please complete and return the attached application form no later than **Monday, March 15, 2010 at 5:00 pm CST** to Greg Donovan at greg.donovan@nebraska.gov . If email submission is not an option, hard copies by fax [402-471-6249] or delivery/mail to:

Greg Donovan
ServeNebraska
6th Floor/State Capitol Building
PO Box 98927
Lincoln, NE 68509-8927

Selection Criteria: Projects may be chosen based on the following criteria: number of engaged youth volunteers; cost-effectiveness; location; and proposed impact. Preference will be given to projects with multiple funding sources; projects that engage and/or serve individuals with disabilities, particularly children; projects that occur in central - and/or western - Nebraska; and projects that have a cost-per-youth ratio of \$1.00 per 1 youth or better. Applicants are encouraged to provide matching funds (cash and/or In-kind). Please provide information in the budget portion of the application about intended match resources. ServeNebraska reserves the right to award partial funding based on the applicants proposed budget and project description.

Allowable use of funds: Funds are limited and meant to be used for direct programming needs. Allowable uses of funds are project materials, transportation for participants, food, beverages and other necessary refreshments, venue or material rentals. Funds may not be used to cover personnel costs.

Reporting: If you are chosen for a mini-grant award you will be required to provide service data, including the number of youth engaged, number of service beneficiaries, and items created as applicable. Additionally, you will be required to submit a one-page project summary narrative at the conclusion of the Global Youth Service Day activity.



2010 Global Youth Service Day Mini Grant Application

1. Contact Information

Contact Name: Connie Schwartz

Email: cschwartz@bvca.net Phone: 402-729-6510

Organization (legal applicant name): Family Youth Involvement Center (FYI Center)

Address: 514 D Street

Youth Contact Person: Dakota Mason

Age: 17 Email: dmason@bvca.net

2. Project Details

Organization Type: (Select all that apply)

☐ Faith-based

☒ Non-profit

☐ Government

☒ Education

☐ Club

☐ Business

☐ Other:

Which pool of funding are you applying for:

☒ Disability Inclusion Youth Service

☐ Youth Service

Community Served: Jefferson County

Description of Youth Population (ages, demographics): Our group of youth averages around 30 per day at the center and would include 25 at our camp

Expected Number of Volunteers: 10

Number of Youth (age 5-25) anticipated out of expected volunteers: 10

3. Please describe your Youth Service Day Project plan and how it is applicable to the "YOUth Can!" theme:

We want to have the youth held at a summer camp, with the theme "Celebrating Differences". With this we would like to teach the youth that despite disabilities, differences among people doesn't always mean they should be excluded.



4. Project Location (Complete Address): FYI Center 514 D Street Fairbury NE, 68352

5. Does your project include a Service-Learning approach: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: Teaching youth to work well with others despite differences, also accepting and working together as a team to help our community become stronger.

6. If your project includes youth with disabilities or focuses on serving those with disabilities, describe how: There are youth at our center who have physical, mental, and social disabilities, with this we want to help them know that they are just as welcomed by the youth, and also to teach everyone to be accepting.

7. Does your project plan to engage youth not normally asked to serve: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: We would like to send out invitations for all grades K-6th and it will be a first come first serve basis, and will be available to all students within this grade level.

8. How will your project meet the needs of your community: To build a stronger youth community to take over in our future, and work together to make our community a better, more understanding place.

9. Day(s) completing service: ☐ April 23 ☐ April 24 ☐ April 25 ☒ Other: _____

10. How will you recruit volunteers for this project: Our service club will help plan it, and volunteers may sign up with myself Dakota or approval of my boss Collena.

11. How will you involve youth in leadership roles: I will let the youth plan activities and also help take lead in hosting the activities at the camp. They can take part in both planning and implementation of process by attending the meetings and showing up early to help set up on camp dates.

12. How many youth are involved in the planning of this service project: ____10____

13. Is this project a collaboration with another service day: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, which one(s) and with whom:



14. What supplies or resources will be necessary to complete this project?

We would like to use a kit provided by the Zink the Zebra foundation, also t-shirts are wanted as prizes for attending.

15. What is the plan for participant and volunteer transportation to the project location?

The youth and volunteers will find their own transportation to the location.

16. How will you track numbers of volunteers and volunteer service hours:

We will have sign up forms and when those are made, log sheets to sign in and out of the volunteer times.

17. What will the end result of your project be:

Teaching youth to become a whole community as one, regardless of differences and disabilities.

18. How will you know your project was a success: To see how the youth act upon times after camp, watching inclusiveness of the youth with those disabilities, and following up with constant posters and reminders of encouragement to include everyone.

Budget Summary (Be as detailed as possible)

1. Please present the full budget for the project, highlighting other sources of funds.

Materials/ Supplies:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Zink Camp Start Up Kit	\$400.00			\$400.00
<i>Sub-Total</i>				

Travel (mileage, food costs):

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
<i>Sub-Total</i>				

Other:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
T-Shirts				\$100



<i>Sub-Total</i>				

<i>Total:</i>	\$500			
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2. Budget Narrative: Please describe why the requested funds are necessary for the success of this project.

The Zink program is great on teaching differences, and ways to accept those differences. With this start up kit we would have everything needed to hold a two to three day camp on teaching acceptance. With the help of our service club and plans for a service activity we could teach acceptance and service within 48 to 72 hours. T-shirts for this activity are very important, we would like the community to see where kids are learning these traits, not only in school, but here at our local after school center. The t-shirts would not only go to show this but give the kids a good feeling about what they learned at our camp and hopefully stay with them for years to come.